

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	3 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Beyer, Prozanski, Burdick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Kruse, Walker
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Meeting Dates:	5/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a fire service professional employed full-time by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to maintain his or her professional certification as a fire service professional even though not employed by a fire fighting department. Establishes that a DPSST employee who is certified as a police officer, certified reserve officer, corrections officer, parole and probation officer, a fire service professional, a telecommunicator, or an emergency medical dispatcher is considered a full-time public safety officer in their certified discipline for the purposes of denying, revoking, or suspending certification; eligibility to apply for benefits from the Public Safety Memorial Fund; and eligibility to be honored at a fallen law enforcement memorial.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Eligibility if killed in the line of duty
- Memorial wall

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: As presently written, ORS 181.651 states that full-time employees of the DPSST who possess the requisite training may be certified as a police officer, certified reserve officer, corrections officer, parole and probation officer, a telecommunicator or an emergency medical dispatcher. However, ORS 181.651 does not reference fire service professional. DPSST employs fire service professionals. Consequently, those fire service professionals DPSST employs may not be able to maintain their professional certification because they are not employed by a fire fighting department even though they are teaching other law enforcement professionals about fire fighting.

Currently, DPSST employees who are certified as police, certified reserve, corrections or parole and probation officers, fire service professionals, telecommunicator or emergency medical dispatchers may not be eligible for such things as the Public Safety Memorial Fund benefits and the fallen law enforcement memorial.